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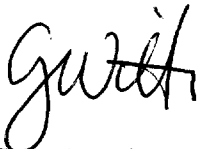
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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is an original and four copies of a Petition for Rule Making to amend the FM table of allotments for a new FM broadcast station for Munds Park, Arizona.

Sincerely,



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In the matter of)
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Amendment to Section 73.202(b))
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Table of Allotments)
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FM Broadcasting Stations)
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(Munds Park, Arizona))

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PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

In this petition, Dancing Terrapin Broadcasting is hereby requesting to allot channel 291A (106.1 Mhz) to, as its first local FM allotment to Munds Park, Arizona.

INTRODUCTION

1. This statement is a petition for rule making to allot FM channel 291A (106.1 Mhz) to Munds Park, Arizona and add it to the Commission's FM table of allotments, Section 73.202. The following will show the need for an FM channel and the resulting effects of the allotment of Channel 291A to Munds Park.

DISCUSSION

2. Munds Park(Pinewood) is located in north central Arizona. It is also located in Coconino County, which has a population of some 109,400 persons. Munds Park is also very near Yavapai County, which has a population of 129,500 persons. Both figures presented in accordance with the U.S. 1995 census. The population is increasing at an estimated 3 to 4%

per year. Munds Park (Pinewood) has an estimated population of some 5,000 persons according to local realtors. This count increases during the summer and winter as seasonal residents move in, plus the community is experiencing a slow but steady growth as more people discover this quiet resort community and buy property. Munds Park (Pinewood) includes a post office (86017), a church, a number of service stations (adjacent to I-17), restaurants, businesses, a newspaper, fire department, motels and RV parks, sanitation and maintenance departments, a country club and an 18 hole golf course.

3. The allotment of channel 291A to Munds Park (Pinewood) will provide the first local broadcast facility to the community and/or the surrounding area. The closest FM allotment to Munds Park is located in Flagstaff, Arizona. Flagstaff is located 11 kilometers from Munds Park.

It is clear that from the above spacing that Munds Park (Pinewood) is presently without local FM service.

4. Munds Park would greatly benefit from an FM allotment due to the fact that there is no AM or FM broadcast facilities within 11 kilometers of Munds Park. Because of this, the community and surrounding villages would have an outlet for local self expression. Health and safety for the community would be increased due to having a local communications outlet for warning the Munds Park/Pinewood/surrounding area of emergency conditions caused by frequent severe weather or other health hazards.

5. Channel 291A can be allotted to Munds Park and meet all rules and requirements of

the Commission. The instant proposal will not cause a change in the channel number or a deletion of any channel now appearing in the Commission's Table of Allotments 73.202.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Munds Park, Arizona	-----	291A

6. In accordance with 73.207 of the Commission's rules, "Minimum Distance Separations between Stations", all allotments on Channel 291A and the pertinent adjacent channels to 291A have been studied with the results listed in Figure 1 of this petition. The geographic coordinates used for the spacing study (N. 34 - 56 - 30", W. 111 - 38 - 30") are that of a site within 10.6 kilometers of the community of Munds Park. Suitable transmitter sites are available to provide city grade coverage (3.16 mv/m or 70 dBu) to the entire community of Munds Park.

CONCLUSION

7. It has been shown that Munds Park (Pinewood) would benefit from the allotment of Channel 291A. It has also been shown that Channel 291A can be allotted to Munds Park and meet all rules regarding spacing from other stations. Considering these two facts, Dancing Terrapin Broadcasting hereby requests that the Federal Communications Commission institute a Rule Making proceeding to amend the Table of Allotments to include Channel 291A for Munds Park, Arizona; 73.202.

8. In the event that Channel 291A be allotted to Munds Park, Arizona, I certify that I will file an application for a Construction Permit to operate an FM station for Munds Park.

CERTIFICATION

9. I certify that I have prepared or directly supervised the preparation of this entire Petition for Rule Making, and the facts contained within, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, accurate and true.

Dated: October 8, 1997

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. Witte".

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MAPFM search of channel 291A6 (106.1 MHz), at N. 34 56 30, W. 111 38 30.

Searching Channel 291A6 (106.1 MHz):

CALL	CITY	ST	CHN	CL	S	DIST	SEPN	BRNG	CLEARANCE
K237AU	Prescott	AZ	237	D	L	96.2	0.0	238.5°	96.2
K237CF	Cottonwood	AZ	237	D	L	51.0	0.0	238.4°	51.0
ALC	Phoenix	AZ	238	C	U	182.4	28.0	192.2°	154.4
KYOTFM	Phoenix	AZ	238	C	L	182.4	28.0	192.2°	154.4
ALC	Cottonwood	AZ	289	C3	U	51.8	42.0	237.1°	9.8
KVRDFM	Cottonwood	AZ	289	C3	C	51.8	42.0	237.1°	9.8
KVRDFM	Cottonwood	AZ	289	A	L	51.8	31.0	237.1°	20.8
ALC	Kingman	AZ	290	C1	U	248.9	133.0	272.3°	115.9
ALC	Paradise Valley	AZ	290	C3	U	157.9	89.0	190.5°	68.9
KBUQ	Paradise Valley	AZ	290	C3	L	150.6	89.0	184.2°	61.6
KRCY	Kingman	AZ	290	C1	L	248.9	133.0	272.3°	115.9
ALC	Claypool	AZ	291	A	U	187.0	115.0	155.6°	72.0
KIKOFM	Claypool	AZ	291	A	L	187.0	115.0	155.6°	72.0
ALC	Gallup	NM	291	C2	U	271.8	166.0	76.2°	105.8
KFMQ	Gallup	NM	291	C2	L	271.0	166.0	76.9°	105.0
ALC	Sun City	AZ	292	C2	U	124.8	106.0	210.7°	18.8
K292DF	Flagstaff	AZ	292	D	L	33.3	0.0	5.0°	33.3
KEDJ	Sun City	AZ	292	A	L	160.3	72.0	201.9°	88.3
KEDJ	Sun City	AZ	292	C2	C	147.2	106.0	211.7°	41.2
KEDJ	Sun City	AZ	292	C2	C	133.6	106.0	215.0°	27.6
ALC	Pinetop	AZ	294	C1	V	180.9	75.0	120.1°	105.9
ALC	Prescott Valley	AZ	294	C2	U	95.8	55.0	238.5°	40.8
K294AN	Payson	AZ	294	D	L	83.4	0.0	150.4°	83.4
KPPV	Prescott Valley	AZ	294	C2	L	95.8	55.0	238.5°	40.8
NEW	Pinetop	AZ	294	C1	A	186.9	75.0	121.5°	111.9
NEW	Pinetop	AZ	294	C1	A	203.6	75.0	112.1°	128.6

FIGURE 1A
MINDS PARK A7

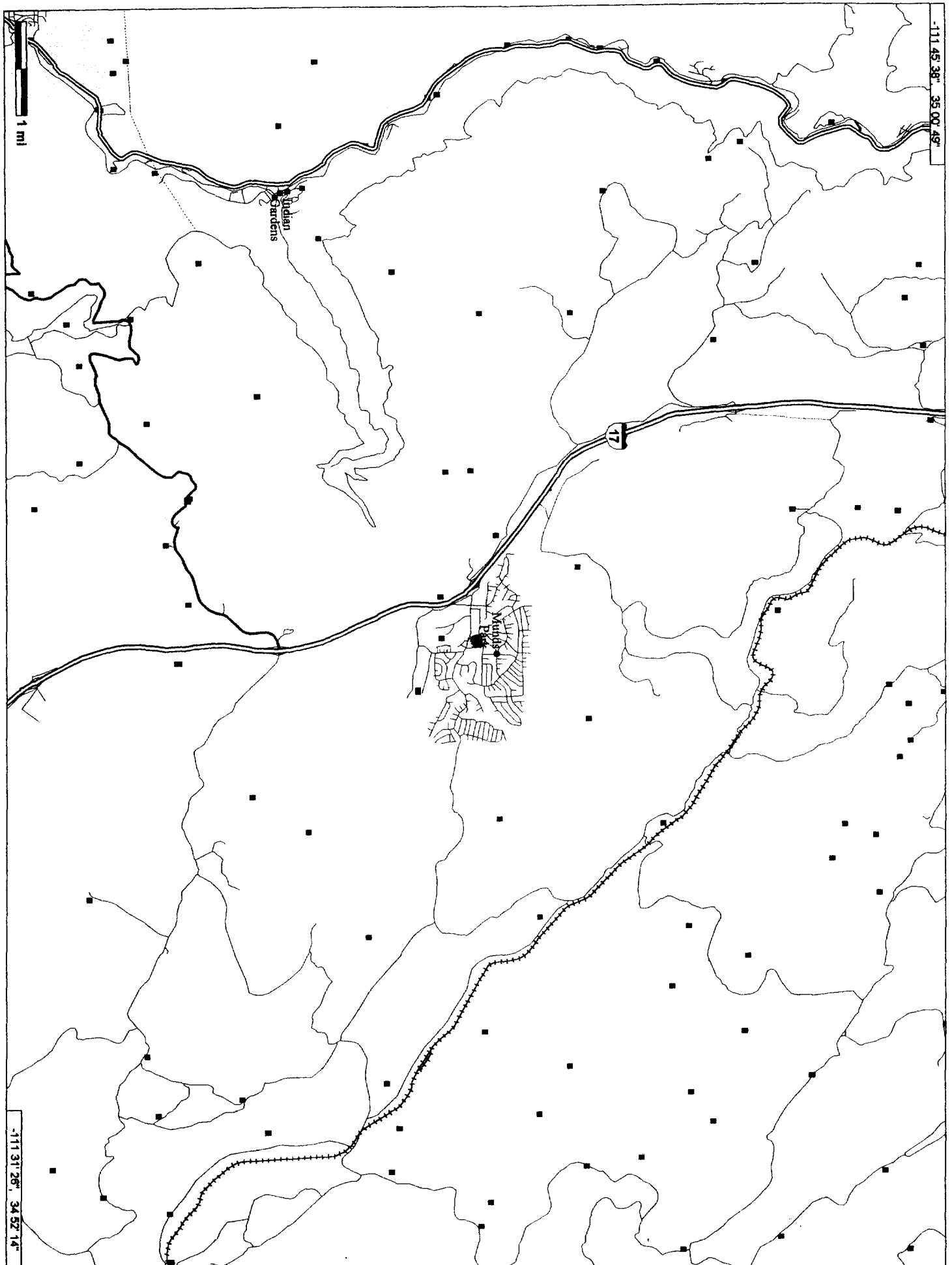


FIGURE 1B
MINDS PARK, AZ

Channel 291A Allocation Study

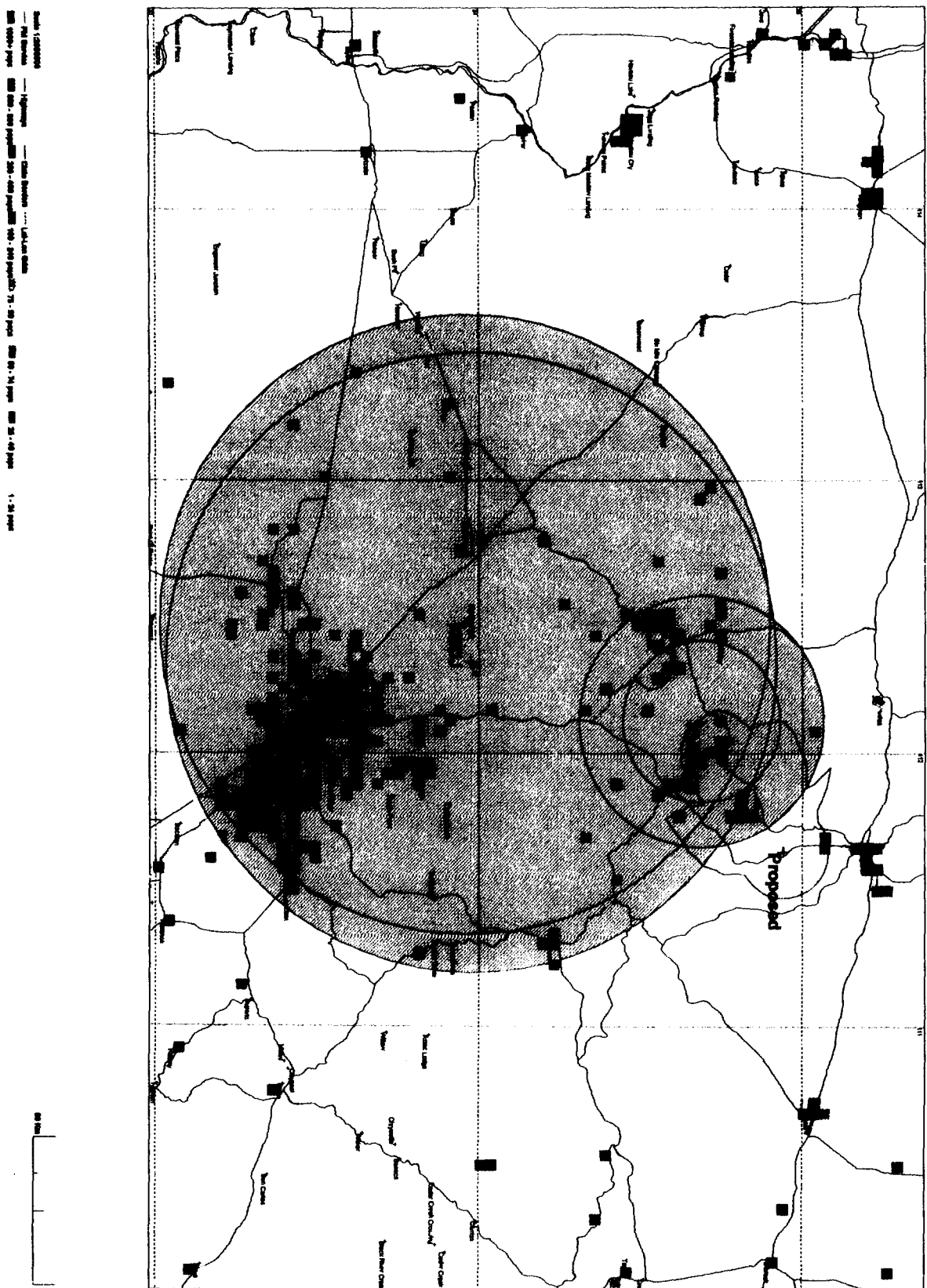


FIGURE 1C
MUNDS PARK, IC-AZ

RadioSoft Allocation Display

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Ver 1.2

Left button:
Distance and
Lat - Lon;

ESC=Exit
C=Cities
Sp=List
5=County
6=Roads
7=Rails
8=Water
P=ClrPrt

FM Study of
Channel 291A N. 34-56-30 W. 111-38-30

FIGURE 1D
MUNDS PARK, AZ

